# aint Hallowe en Customs and Their Origin



All Hallows' eve, or Hallowe'en, when tion to the conception of an Indo-Euroall the spirits of evil and mischief were said to be out for a holiday. Today the festival of the saints and souls is largely

The festival of All Saints' day was in-Boniface IV. because the great and increasing number of saints recognized by the church made it impossible to dedicate particular days for the individual honor

All Saints' day is celebrated as a holy day by the Greek, Romish, Anglican and Episcopal churches. According to St. acknowledged power that even St. Pat-Chrysostom, a festival in honor of all rick is said to have implored for himself the saints was observed on the Sunday after Whitsuntide as early as the fourth century by the eastern branch of the Catholic Church. This was called All Saints' Sunday. This day was not observed by the western Catholic Church, however, until the beginning of the seventh century, or about 607 A.D.

After Pope Boniface IV obtained possession of the Pantheon at Rome, which had originally been dedicated to all the of the old gods of pagan Rome. The Pantheon was therefore dedicated to them on May 43, and on the anniversary of this day a celebration was an-The change from this date to that of saints November 1 A.D. 830. When the Anglican and Frankish churches were finally persuaded to adopt the custom of holding an All Saints' festival November was at last generally accepted as the suitable date for it. Later it was popu-larly called All Hallows' day, or Hallowmass, and the evening before it then became All Hallows eve, or Halloween. All Souls' day, November 2, has been celebrated by the Christian churches of Western Europe ever since the year 998. It was instituted about five years earlier by Odilon, Bishop of Cluny, as a day on which masses should be said for the repose of the souls in purgatory, and was soon considered so important that t was never allowed to be postponed for any other church festival.

The two chief characteristics of the old popular Halloween celebration in England and the British Isles generally the special protection of God against the of the future husband or wife of the were the lighting of bonfires and the practice of certain customs based on the belief that on this night more than on any other in the year ghosts and witches were wont to be wandering magic art of the early inhabitants of nounces in advance in what manner the around. Later the spirits of the dead were supposed to be free from the orintercourse with mortals, and could therefore return to help or hinder Souls' day each year their loved and equivocally used for witchcraft, and in dominate the appearance of the soul lost are free to tarry with them, and their own religion the wizard, the sha- wraith or the delivery of its message. devout persons therefore make it a man who mediates the relations between special point to go to church and take men and gods, and may even coerce the communion in order that they may be brought into closer fellowship with the saints and souls of the church triumphant who have passed beyond the

some way better able at Halloween to get into communication with the world f spirits. Just as trees shed their leaves and fruit in the autumn and pre-

veneration for the festival at this season. possibility of actual spiritual manifestathed by the concentration of his will power, it is said that they will eventual. acter of the Druids was that of mighty tide, for if good he might fear the torsorcerers, and is in complete contradic-| ments of the spirts of evil on Allhalpean priest. The Celts or Gaels called retribution of the saints released on the them "the supreme wise."

that they could conjure up storm and

THE CUP-BEARER WOULD THEN POUR THE ALE INTO THE SEA WITH

AN APPROPRIATE ADDRESS.

The magical science of the Druids was are too familiar to require repetition.

portion of the Scandinavian peninsula, great extent when it chooses. The ele-

finngert, literally Finnish work, is un- accessories that facilitate but do not

So intimate was the knowledge which five elements, earth, air, fire and water,

during the winter. These may produce ing representing St. Anthony assaulted persons have been drowned. If the mischief evidently became the witches by the devils. Naturally it would seem would-be viewer of spirits has sufficient and hobgoblins and demons of later trapsychic impressions. That the psychic phenomena manifested at Halloween had their root in natural
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are so relaxed that any one versed in rainmakers and were versed in the arts the mystic knowledge underlying Halloween rites or the druidecht science can detach his soul from his own body well as the dead. It is on this principle acknowledged power that even St. Pat- that those rites are based which claim

low eve, and if bad he might fear the

summoned. Children born on Halloween are popularly supposed to be endowed with various mysterious faculties, which include the faculty of seeing and speak-ing with supernatural beings. From the most ancient times November tival in England. On or about this day the ancient Druids, the priests of the fore the conquering Romans ever landed in Britain. This festival was said to be one of special thanksgiving for the gathered harvest, and on this day old fires were everywhere extinguished and new fires were lighted in honor of the n whose honof the festival was held on the same day as that chosen for the old In writing of the Druid customs Bor-lase said that the Druids, like the Perliged to resort, and rekindle the private fires in their houses from these consecrated fires of the Druids, the do-

moning them.

wronged the spirit whom he summons.

somewhat fear to see the very spirit

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be of doubtful success or satisfaction to

spirit. An experiment of this sort would

Borlase thought that it was very probable that the "tinegin" or forced fire earnest inquirer. Many of these rites not long since used in the isles as an antidote against the plague or murrain of called the druidecht. Knowledge of it The essential feature of them all is that cattle is the remainder of a Druid cusis said to have been best and longest the will of the experimenter or some perpreserved in Alba (Scotland) just as the son present decides and generally an- tom.

The new Druid fire for the ensuing year

was kindled by the friction of two great

Borlase also mentions that the Persians spirit shall manifest itself and reveal its before it, thinking it of great and healing prehistoric times had occupied a large manifestation and can terminate it to a virtue, and that the Druids probably had ments used or the other features of the

The custom of lighting fires at Halloween has until comparatively recent sitting around it led to the custom of placing in the dying embers as many small, stones as there were persons around the fire. If in the morning any pebble or pebbles were found displaced, it was considered to pull their pebbles were found displaced, it was considered to pull their sidered certain that the person whom the to which they added a fifth element the small, stones as there were persons around uttereth all."

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power, it is said that they will eventualobjection to him or his method of sum-In such a case it is easy to see that a tized person interfere with demoniac ac tivity The fat was evidently a mere ele-

After assembling and feasting the powers of evil would then fly through space any one who had not a fearless spirit on wing, or on cats or broomsticks, to and a clear conscience toward the spirit work mischief after until the cock crowed at dawn, when they would again as-semble and after dancing with their backs to one another, would scatter to their haunts.

The Christian recipe for avoiding the evil spirits who were free to wander around and work mischief on Hallows' eve was to keep busy saying kind things to all and to keep equally busy doing kind deeds to those less fortunate than themselves. These charitable words and deeds were supposed to furnish ammunition to the souls about to be released from purgatory on All Saints' day, and with these spiritual missiles the souls were said to be able to stone the witches until they sucsun god, to whose watchful care they ceeded in drawing a drop of red blood believed that their life and its main- and one of black poison from the left tenance were due. Later when the shoulder of the tormenting witches and Britons became Christianized, this func- thus prevented them from working

visited the infernal regions and te have been able to return from it. Of these, Christ only was able to consians, had also their solemn fires on the quer all the forces of death and hell. As the gates of hell are said to be opened at Halloween, it is well to consider what the early Christian church believed was the appearance of the creatures guarding the gates of hell. From the Pistis Sophia, which embodied pose, first carefully extinguished; the Ghavri, of the ancient Persian religion, the doctrines of the Christian Gnostics of the third century, the following details are taken from a complete account said to have been given by Christ to His mother after His descent was then set over it, and this water was later sprinkled on the people, or on cattle infected with plague. This, the Druids claimed, was shown by experience to be successful. into hell and His triumphant return from it and resurrection from the

The outer darkness of hell was said to be surrounded by a huge dragon with its tail in its mouth. Hell itself had many regions of punishment of which there were twelve chief dungeons of horrible torment, each

height watched at each of the doors of revelry. the dungeons to keep the dragon and the different rulers from turning the wales, parts of Great Britain, where the dungeons upside down. Over each descendants of the ancient Britons are door was said to be one of the twelve dungeons upside down. Over each the "Wint-monat," or the wind month, of Rome, it is supposed that the Po- house would then leave the house and most numerous. A real or fancied relaauthentic names of the dragon, but lent in the waters around Great Britain with Vertumnus, and was the surviving they might not in any way, snape or manner disturb the spirits in their enjoyment they were all so contained in one an- at this season. So severe were the No- remnant of the worship of a pair of of these feasts. It was considered very

veil into the spirit's rest, but who on this day are in special communion with the living members of the church militant.

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Beelzebub, who is here called the prince of hell, or of Satan, who is called the prince and captain of death, would be a prince and captain of death, would be a gruesome sight. It is not surprising, to the old mariners of the British of fruits. As a god he was said to have

where, is probably derived from the same consisted in going by night to the Church themselves visible to the eyes of any god whom they called Shony, a name Irish Shamhna, whose vigil the Druids thought was held on this eve. Shony was guised himself as a youth of perfect

spired various Roman poets to write of ants. Latinus, received the ambassado eral to have any interest to spare for

son of Saturn, and the father of Faunus. According to Virgil, one of his descend-

The festival of All Saints as well as its vigil on the evening before it was in Great Britain generally observed by a certain sort of feasting for which apples, nuts and a dish called lamb's wool, which was a corruption of Lamas Ubhal, the foods were considered indispensable. An old account says that in Notting-

ham, in 1774, lamb's wool was prepared by roasting apples on a string until they dropped down into a large bowl of spiced ale. In Ireland, where it was a constant feature of the merriment of Holy Eve or Halloween, it was made by bruising roasted apples and mixing them with milk. White wine was frequently substituted for the ale or milk, and Brand says that apples and nuts were frequentsary part of the entertainment.

In ancient England it was the custom on All Hallows' day or Hallowmas for poor people and beggars to go "a-souling," as it was called. This phrase and the habit of soul-hunting at this time merely indicated that the people who went "a-souling" simply went around to others asking for money and promising in return to "fast for the souls of the lonors of the alms or their kinsfolk. It was a custom among the richer Catholics in certain shires of England to dispense cakes of oaten bread to the poor, and they "in retribution of their charity felt themselves obliged to repeat this old

good luck, as was the case with Good Friday bread and cross-buns. The use of seedcakes at All Hallows was also customary in Warwickshire.

In Latin countries of Europe it has long been the custom for the living to visit the graves of their departed relatives or friends on All Souls' day and leave flowers or a visiting card for the returning spirits to see. In Naples, as a courtesy to the visiting spirits, even the charnel houses were illuminated with this day and the skeletons were dressed in order that they might suitably receive ors, and were then arranged around the with a separate ruler, with the face of a different animal.

crops and naturally must have had some beauty of the perfectly ripened fruits, and in this guise he at last won her affection, and after her union with him a reception all day long to the crowds of living visitors who came to pay their respects to them.

The hospitality to the returning spirits was still further extended at Salerno a is also variously called Pomonus, Picus, few centuries ago, for it-was then the cus-Umbrians recognized a masculine god, were provided for the souls of the depart-Pomonus. Since pairs of divinities were ed to enjoy in their brief return to former not uncommon in the primitive religion scenes, and all the living residents of the because of the gales of wind so preva- monus of the Umbrians was identical spend the entire night at church so that

their rooms all night, so that the spirits



SUMMONING THE SPIRITS OF THE DROWNED

Each of these rulers of the twelve dungeons within the dragon of outer to St. Mulvay's Church, where for a spirit shall manifest itself and reveal its message if it has any. The will is the really dominant factor controlling the before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to an each changed a door which country and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it, thinking it of great and healing really down and can terminate it to a before it. Each dungeon had a door which opened and the company would proceed to the to the height, and an angel of the fields to spend the rest of the night in

> The ancient Saxons called November a small detachment of these hideous elements until more genial weather. On gled. creatures, either under the leadership of the eve of this windy month of No-

the two were inseparable in tradition.

especially a goddess of the ancient Latins, while the neighboring ancient

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dinary human intelligence by means of tival in honor of the sun god the dia- reason or another the faithful stayed. The use of apples and methods for concerned with the fertilization of the

# In the Realm of Sigher Things Sunday Morning Talk.

conjurations of the Druids.

holds the central position.

R. Much says that the Finns, who in

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#### Forgiveness.

By Barbey S. Irwin.

"Forgive and ye shall be forgiven."-Luke, 6:37.

THE cultivation of the spirit of forgiveness is transcendently important, for the reason that all need to be forgiven, and so all privilege, affording the richest pleasure need to forgive. Every one receives offense and every one gives

Many are quick to take offense and slow to Have you never felt that forgive. The danger in nursing a feeling of un- That the sacredne forgiveness is that it so often leads to crime. The the Christian, The great object of forgiveness is to deliver both ourselves and others from the evils which are inseparable from hatred and revenge.

The common ordinary mind knows only revenge for wrongs or injuries received; but the superior mind knows that revenge is both futile and criminal.

To return evil for evil brings the offended on a level with the duty to forgive, even to love, our enemies; yet there can be no higher concep-The superior soul knows that the best way of avenging him-

self is not to become like the wrongdoer. An old Spanish writer said: "To return evil for good is devilish; hended in having a good conscience toto return good for good is human; but to return good for evil is God-evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be

How often shall one trangress against us before we cease to forgive him? At what point does patience cease to be a virtue?

These are very old questions. But surely patience can never even with those who speak or do evil be anything else than a virtue. We may cease to have it, but a selves or for them. virtue is immortal and cannot cease.

The ancient rabbis declared that forgiveness was to be extended Though justice be thy plea, consider this-

three times and after that the good man's wrath might be justly visited upon the offender. It was doubtless in view of this rule that Peter suggested an advance on the old conception by inquiring of the Master if seven acts of forgiveness would not cover the full limit of The answer he received took this question of morals out of

the Lord's prayer.

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mathematical calculations. "Not until seven times, but until seventy imes seven."

Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render.

These words could only mean that acts. The deeds of mercy.

These words could only mean that acts of forgiveness were not limited to any number-no matter how often the offense, seven times or seventy times sev- If God should grant their petition when en. it was to be met in a spirit of love, forgiveness and help. Such is the Christ trespasses as they forgive those who "The

system of divination practiced are mere

The Druids recognized the existence of

It seems to be a fundamental princi-

ple that disembodied spirits can only

nemory of a wrong.' Forgiving is not only a duty, but a Have you never felt the pleasure of forgiving

Rippling through your soul like

The principle of forgiveness is a tinctive Christian grace. It was but little known and practiced in olden times. Then the rule was, "eye for eye, tooth for a tooth, hand for hand foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.' Christianity teaches that we are not

ender to any one evil for evil or railing or railing, but contrariwise blessing. It is a hard saying, and incomprehensible to the worldly minded, that it is a tion of nobility in life than such a disposition. It does not mean to love their enmity, or the spirit that prompts it, but to have a loving and brotherly interes n their personal welfare. It is compreashamed and repent that falsely accuse your good conversation. The forgiving spirit is what attracts most to a recognition of the good that is in the Christian life. If we seek for that which we call justice in getting against us, we shall not do well for our-

To forgive wrongs darker than the death of night;
To defy power which seems omnipotent;
To love and bear; to hope till hope creates
From its own wreck the thing it contemplates;
Neither to change, to falter, nor repent.
This like thy glory, Titan, is to be
Good, great and joyous, beautiful and free;
This is alone life, joy, empire and victory.

of monthly president's conferences, to time or any where, comes into contact begin the last Monday evening in November. Presidents and vice presidents fact that Moslem childhood has had a of Christian Endeavor societies will be pitifully small share hitherto in the invited to these conferences,

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"O God, I have sinned against Thee

How shocking and horrible such

to forgive his neighbor, and yet prays,

Forgive me my debts as I forgive my

God forgives to the uttermost. Wh

## A Challenge to Young Men.

The unforgiving cannot sincerely pray the next fifty years men are to be trained best brains of the nation toiled laborious

really offers every time he repeats the the trend of Chinese political and social ship ...e orient needs."

many times; I have often been forgetful of Thy goodness; I have broken Thy who can work in China in person," says laws; I have committed many secret sins. the Spirit of Missions. "Every church-Deal with me, I beseech Thee, O Lord, man who appreciates the importance of a very unique advertisement which dredth part as I have been to Thee; yet dation, must, if he be true to his profescannot overlook such base ingratitude. sion, endeavor to identify himself with I deal with him. I remember and treasure the orient.

up every little trifle which shows how ill "Western civilization," says Prof. Treat he has behaved to me. Deal with me, I again, "in its richest development is beseech Thee, O Lord, as I deal with Christian civilization. The successful solution of China's problem will require men with knowledge and spirit to grapprayer would be, yet it is in effect the ple with difficult political and econ attitude toward God of one who refuses

#### Eighty Million Untouched Children.

bers, education and morality of children only savior of sinners.

HE situation in China today, it is questions. China may easily take upon declared, offers a great challenge herself a veneer of western civilization, to the educated Christian men of but it will take men with a realization of the need of Christian civilization to lead America. It calls for the best of our uni- | China out into a worthy national destiny. versity graduates to reinforce the telling China's past educational system has not work of those already in the field. Within produced such men. For centuries the who are capable of leading 350,000,000 through long years of study, and through somewhat grotesque, if searching, examinations to win political place and power. "The Chinese leaders are face to face But Chinese officials, though highly eduw of forgiveness. trespass against them," what would be with the greatest task which ever concated, have been notoriously corrupt. This condition is the inevitable result of To get what they asked for would be a curse, not a blessing.

Archbishop Augustus Hare gives a form

fronted men in authority," says Prof. This condition is the inevitable result of divorce between mental and moral training. The mere recasting of China's educational system into a western mold will of prayer such as the unforgiving man had opportunity of studying at first hand not in itself produce the type of leader-

even as I deal with my neighbor. He hath not offended me one-hundredth part Christian education, every churchman is in use by Nestor Escobar, a crente as much as I have offended Thee, but I who realizes that the security of his home in Goyaz, who was converted a few cannot forgive him. He has been very and to a large extent the possibility of years ago by means of a Bible given ungrateful to me, though not an hun- his business rests upon a Christian foun- to him by a missionary. Escobar is the proprietor of a popular pharmacy Deal with me, O Lord, I beseech Thee, as the church's educational enterprises in and he advises his many customers and the public in general that a good supply of material medicines, & prepared by chemical processes and pharmacists in laboratories of high standing, may be found in his establishment. These, he reminds the public, are for the healing of bodily sickness, but are often of uncertain effect. He adds that he has in stock also large quantity of spiritual medicines of certain result and not made by the hands of man. These are the Holy THERE are over 80,000,000 Moslem Scriptures, which are the power and children in the world, and Miss Von wisdom of God for the salvation of pastor of New York city, has opened of Torreon had been marooned on their Mayer, writing from Samarkand, says: those who repent of their sins and a night school of theology, through "I shall gather information as to num- give themselves to Jesus Christ, the

Home mission week for the most of

### Holy Days.

HERE are two days in the week upon which and about which I never worry, two golden days kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One of these is Yesterday, Yesterday, with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and sorrows, has passed forever beyond my control, beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought; I cannot recall a word that I said; I cannot calm a storm that raged on Yesterday. All that it holds of my life, of regret or sorrow, or wrong, is in the hands of the Mighty Love that can bring oil out of rock and sweet waters out of the bitter desert-the Love that can make the tiful memories, sweet and tender, that linger like perfume of dried roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with Yesterday. It was mine: now it belongs to God. And the other day I don't worry over is Tomorrow. Tomorrow, with all its possible cares, its burdens, its sorrows, its perils, its poor performances and its bitter mistakes, is as far beyond my reach of mastership as is its dear sister, Yesterday. Its sun will rise in roseate splendor, or behind a gloomy mask of weeping clouds. But it will rise. And it will be God's day. It is God's day. It will be mine. Save for the star of hope that gleams forever on the brow of Tomorrow, I have no possession in Tomorrow. All else is in the safe keeping of the same infinite Love that holds for me the treasures of Yesterday. I can trust all that Tomorrow holds for me, in the Love that is wider than the skies and deeper than the seas. There is left for myself. then, nothing but Today. And any man can fight the battle of Today. Any man can carry the burdens of just this one day. Any man can resist Today's temptations. This is the strength, then, that makes the way of my pilgrimage joyous. I think, and I do, and I journey but one day at a time. And while I do that God the Almighty and the All-loving takes ROBERT J. BURDETTE care of Yesterday and Tomorrow. 

#### Little Rews of Big Interest.

The material medicines as well as men of that city who are looking to the

The College Church of Tokio, with

#### Missionaries Marooned TELEGRAMS received by the board

way from Torreon to Monterey, and which he hopes to reach and help young later that he and his family had reached Monterey and that they would At a recent meeting of the board of officers of the Christian Endeavor Union it was decided to begin holding a series of monthly president's conferences to the contribute anything as to the religious work done, for not low prices, and are furnished freely young men of all denominations.

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